TWO

LETTERS;

The One,

Sent by the Lord *Mayor*, *Aldermen*, and *Common Council* of LONDON,

To his Excellency,

The Lord Gen. Monck,

By Their Sword-Bearer:

Which Letter was sent in Answer to a Letter formerly publish'd, and sent to the *Common Council* by his *Excellency*.

Delivered to them by Col. *Markham*, and Col. *Atkins*.

The other, His

Excellencies Answer

Thereunto.

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The Letter of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of LONDON.

Right Honourable,

WE dare not enter upon the answer to the merits of your Excellencies Letter of the 30th of *November*, which came to our hands the 23d of the same (which was the first and only that came to us) without Prefacing our hearty, and thankful admiring and acknowledging the transcendent Mercy of God, in putting into your Heart those Pious and Noble Resolutions, to appear at such an Exigent to be the glorious Instrument in his hand, both to Assert and Vindicate the greatest Interest, both Civil and Religious of these Nations. And next, That your singular Humility of Spirit, and Affection to this City, in Communicating to us so early, those your just Resolves, and inviting us to share in the Honour of Assisting to the obtaining of those great and glorious Ends,

in which the Happineſs of theſe Nations in general, and of the City, as a Corporation, conſiſts.

In all which our Spirits were both enlightned and warmed by a ſpark from your zeal, and actuated by God to a preſent activity in our ſphere and capacity in compliance with your Excellencies advice, as we truſt the whole world that hath ſeen our Actings ſince the receipt of your Letter, can bear us witneſs, and that we hope may be our ſufficient plea for pardon for our not returning a more timely anſwer to your Excellencies ſaid Letter. But we deſire your Excellency to believe, that was principally retarded by ſuſpition caſt on the Authentiqueneſs of it, by thoſe who had the confidence on that ſcore to impriſon the Deliverers, and by the Interpoſition of the Forces here, and led out againſt your Excellency, who lay in the paſſage to You.

But now (may it pleaſe Your Excellency) ſeeing it hath pleaſed God in ſome meaſure to remove thoſe Obſtructions, We preſume by this to Aſſert in Writing, what VVe hope all Our Actings, ſince the Receipt of Your Excellencies Advice, have evidenced:

That VVe have cordially concurred with Your Excellency, in diſowning the Author of that Force who interrupted the Parliament, and raviſh'd the Birth-right of theſe Nations, by daring to null and make void Acts of Parliament; and We think, have contributed ſomewhat by Gods bleſſing on Our Counſels, and Actings, to the preventing of the ſad conſequences of that exorbitant preſumption. How fully and entirely VVe comply with Your Excellency, in aſſerting the Authority and Freedom of Parliaments, and the juſt Rights and Liberties of the People, a National Miniſtry, for the enlightning of the Ignorant, and ſuppreſſing of Atheiſm, VVe humbly Referre Your Excellency to Our encloſed Declaration, and do ſeriouſly aſſure Your Excellency, That VVe ſhall (by Gods aſsiſtance) perſiſt

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faithfully and vigorously in this Good Cause: And praying God to preserve Your Excellency, and those Noble Commanders with You, in these Your Just, Honorable, and Christian Undertakings, shall Remain,

Your Excellencies Most Affectionate and Faithful Friends and Servants,

Guildhall, London, Decemb. 29. 1659.

The Mayor, Aldermen, *and* Commons *of the City of* London, *in* Common-Council *Assembled.*

In Their Names, and by Their Order,

Sadler.

This Letter is Conveighed by the Sword-bearer of London, *by the special Directions of the* Lord Mayor, Aldermen, *and Court of* Common-Council.

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The Letter of his Excellency, the Lord General MONCK, in Answer to the former *Letter*.

My Lord,

I Received a Letter from your Lordship, and the rest of the Common-Council, of the 29th of *December*, and do humbly thank you for that great esteem which you are pleased to put upon our poor Endeavours of the Parliaments Army under my Command, far transcending our Merits and Services. As to those Ends which we then declared for, I bless the Lord I acted Conscience, and I hope we were found in the way of duty, and are resolved by the grace of God to adhere to them, having found such wonderful blessings following us in these our just and honest Undertakings.

As your prudent Counsels and couragious Actings were the great means under God of restoring this Parliament to its just and lawful Authority, so of the safety and welfare of the Nations, for which I do for my Self and the rest of the Officers here, return my very hearty thanks, and we shall have ever cause to bless the Lord for this great mercy, in putting into your hearts such righteous and honourable Resolutions, to appear at such a time when our Liberties and

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Properties, and all that is dear unto us, even the Ordinances of our blessed Saviour, were in such hazard.

Indeed, it was much in our hopes, that such a glorious City, that had redeemed themselves from Slavery at the price of so much blood and treasure, and had been the great Instruments in the hand of God for the carrying on the work of Reformation, and bringing three Nations out of the Captivity of Tyranny and Arbitrary Government, could not ever consent to such illegal and unjust proceedings. As wee do acknowledge your great activity in promoting those great ends which wee lately represented to you, so wee do heartily thank you for the honor and encouragement which you have been pleased in this your Letter to give to the Parliaments Army here; for our selves, wee having nothing to seek (wee blesse the Lord) in all this Affair, but to endeavour the safety and settlement of these Nations in general, and of the famous City in particular.

Wee received your enclosed Declaration, and do cheerfully join with you therein. And I do promise you for the Army under my Command, that they are resolved (by the assistance of God) to stand by and maintain this present Parliament, as it sate on *October* 11. from whom wee received our Commissions; and do hope, that you that have been so eminently Instrumental in their restoring, will heartily concurr with us therein; and shall to the utmost of our power defend the freedom of successive Parliaments, and the Liberties Spiritual and Civil of the People in these Nations, and shall encourage in our Stations, the Godly and Learned Ministers, and shall continue faithfull in this Good Cause, that the Nations may be established in a free Common-wealth, and the Army kept in due obedience to the Civil Authority.

And as we have experienced the great affection of your City in such a day of Darkness and great Tryal, so we shall

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ever ſtudy to the utmoſt, to expreſs our ſervices for you, and ſhall not think our lives too precious to hazard for your welfare. I think to wait upon you ſhortly, and ſhall reſerve thoſe further acknowledgements to that opportunity, and remain,

New-Caſtle Jan. 6. 1659.

Your Lordſhips very humble Servant,

George Monck.